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The Honorable Kent A. Jordan U.S. District Court, District of Delaware 844 N. King Street Lockbox 10 Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: Honeywell International Inc., et al. v. Audiovox Communications Corp., et al.

C.A. 04-1337-KAJ

Honeywell International Inc., et al. v. Apple Computer, Inc., et al.

C.A. No. 04-1338-KAJ

Optrex America, Inc. v. Honeywell International Inc., et al.

C.A. No. 04-1536-KAJ

## Dear Judge Jordan:

Honeywell requests respectfully an in-person conference to discuss the status of this case at the Court's earliest convenience.

At the September 9, 2005, status conference, we understood Your Honor to direct the parties to work on a "sensible plan" for bringing the LCD module manufacturers into the case. (Tr. at 30). Such a plan was to include having the defendants respond to discovery from Honeywell that "incorporates [Honeywell's] specific allegations of infringement" (Tr. at 31) which Mr. Lueck, Honeywell's counsel, had specifically defined as "an LCD module with a light source and two lens arrays, one of which is misaligned." (Tr. at 31).

Most (but not all) defendants deny that the Court directed such discovery and have taken a much narrower view of their obligations to develop a sensible, comprehensive plan. As a consequence, in an effort to break the log jam, Honeywell proposed an alternative means of transitioning this case in a letter to all defendants' counsel on September 22, 2005 – the salient new feature of which was that Honeywell would proceed to sue all known LCD module manufacturers without first having the benefit of this discovery. Defendants requested, and Honeywell did not object to, an extra week to file defendants' status report (due September 23) so that defendants would have sufficient time to formulate a response to Honeywell's alternative

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proposal. Defendants in fact took the extra week and filed their status report with the Court on September 30, but the report does not substantively respond to Honeywell's alternative proposal. Optrex also submitted a separate letter to the Court, which mischaracterizes Honeywell's proposal as it relates to a comprehensive plan that would apply to all parties.

For these reasons, the parties continue to need the assistance of the Court in order to effectively and efficiently transition this case to a case against the LCD suppliers and to implement a stay as to the end product manufacturers. Because of the seriousness of these issues, and the history behind the parties' discussions of them, Honeywell respectfully requests that the Court hold an in-person conference to resolve the open issues.

Respectfully,

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